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For: INJECTABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE  
COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE HYALURONIC  
ACID DERIVATIVE, CHONDROGENIC CELL FOR TREATMENT  
OF CARTILAGE DEFECTS

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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June 16, 2003

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Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
ITALY	PD98A000298	December 21, 1998

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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